

The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER
01.01.2011.10

Maryland Implementation of Federal Health Care Reform
(Rescinds Executive Order 01.01.2010.07)

- WHEREAS, The Maryland Health Care Reform Coordinating Council (HCRCC) was established on March 24, 2010, under Executive Order 01.01.2010.07 to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the federal Health Care Reform legislation, to develop a blueprint for the State's implementation of the Affordable Care Act, and to identify critical decision points that must be considered;
- WHEREAS, In its final report delivered on January 1, 2011, the HCRCC set forth this blueprint, which included 16 short- and long-term recommendations on how the State can implement federal reform most effectively;
- WHEREAS, Recognizing that effective implementation will require continued leadership, oversight, and coordination, the HCRCC included in its recommendations the establishment of a Governor's Office of Health Care Reform; and
- WHEREAS, The HCRCC recommended further that its membership be expanded to include two additional legislative members, the Chair of the new Health Benefit Exchange, and the Secretary of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation because of the valuable insight these representatives will be able to provide regarding implementation of key provisions of the Affordable Care Act.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY RESCIND EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.2010.07 AND PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. Established. There is a Governor's Office of Health Care Reform (Office). The Office shall be managed by an Executive

Director, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(1) Responsibilities. The Office shall:

(a) Maintain a consolidated cross-agency timeline for the implementation of the various components of the Affordable Care Act,

(b) Identify the specific implementation decisions required, and the deadline and responsible agency for each such decision;

(c) Provide updates and produce written reports on the status of the implementation of the Health Care Reform Coordinating Council's (HCRCC) recommendations to the Governor, to the HCRCC, and to the executive agencies and legislative committees as requested. Such briefings will reflect information obtained through regular meetings with executive agencies responsible for components of Affordable Care Act implementation, with such meetings held on a monthly basis across State government to review relevant timelines and to obtain updates on progress; and

(d) Coordinate a statewide public education and outreach strategy on health care reform implementation. This effort shall include but not be limited to the following activities:

(i) Hold periodic public briefings and communicate progress at public venues on implementation efforts;

(ii) Develop standard educational materials which can be used by State agencies and stakeholders to inform residents and businesses about reform;

(iii) Provide primary staffing to the HCRCC; and

(iv) On or before January 1 of each year, submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly highlighting progress on key implementation recommendations.

(2) The Office may undertake activities necessary to carry out these responsibilities.

(3) All State departments, agencies, commissions and boards are directed to cooperate with the Office in implementing the provisions of this Executive Order.

B. There is a Maryland Health Care Reform Coordinating Council (HCRCC).

(1). Membership. The HCRCC consists of the following members:

- (a) The Governor, or the Governor's designee;
- (b) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;
- (c) The Secretary of Budget and Management;
- (d) The Secretary of Human Resources;
- (e) The Secretary of Labor, Licensing and Regulation;
- (f) The Insurance Commissioner;
- (g) The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;
- (h) The Chair of the Health Services Cost Review Commission, or the Chair's designee;
- (i) The Chair of the Maryland Health Care Commission, or the Chair's designee;
- (j) The Chair of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, or the Chair's designee;
- (k) Three members of the Maryland Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- (l) Three members of the Maryland House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

C. Co-Chairs. The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and Governor or the Governor's designee shall co-chair the HCRCC.

D. Staffing.

(1) The Governor's Office of Health Care Reform shall provide staff support for the administrative functions of the HCRCC.

(2) The participating government agencies and the Department of Legislative Services shall provide appropriate staffing for substantive issues in their areas of responsibility, as determined by the Co-Chairs.

E. Members of the HCRCC may not receive compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

F. Responsibilities.

(1) Meet at least quarterly to monitor progress on implementation recommendations and provide input on implementation activities;

(2) Advise the Governor's Office of Health Care Reform on fundamental decisions critical to the successful implementation of Health Care Reform and provide oversight and direction for the implementation of reform;

(3) Identify challenges to implementing reform;

(4) Coordinate and receive briefings from existing State entities working on reform, including the Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council; and

(5) Continue to engage public and private stakeholders on issues impacting reform.

G. In carrying out responsibilities under this section, the HCRCC may:

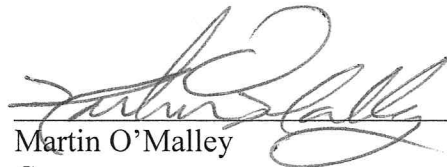
(1) Invite academic experts and other witnesses to submit testimony;

(2) Hold hearings; and

(3) Appoint advisory committees including representatives of State and local agencies, providers, payers, consumers, and other interested parties.

H. The Office of Health Care Reform and the Health Care Reform Coordinating Council shall terminate on December 31, 2015.

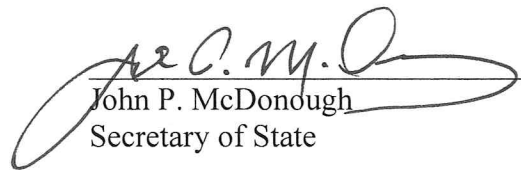
GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 26th Day of May, 2011.



Martin O'Malley
Governor



ATTEST:



John P. McDonough
Secretary of State